

PUBLIC NOTICE

Former Gibson Environmental, Inc.

Draft Feasibility Study and Remedial Action Plan

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AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is requesting public review of the Feasibility Study and Draft Remedial Action Plan (FS-RAP) for the former Gibson Environmental, Inc. Site. DTSC is also proposing to make a determination that the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Corrective Action is Complete with Controls for the Site. The Site is located at 2401 Gibson Street, south of Rosedale Highway and approximately a half mile west of Highway 99, in Bakersfield, California.

The purpose of the FS-RAP is to evaluate remedial alternatives and identify the optimal remedial action for the Site. The results of a Health Risk Assessment (HRA) indicate that residual chemicals in the soil at the Site do not pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment if future uses of the Site are limited to industrial and commercial enterprises. The FS-RAP considered three proposed remedial alternatives: (1) no action; (2) land use restrictions; and (3) land use restrictions with additional soil excavation. The recommend alternative is (2). The FS-RAP concludes that the optimal remedial action is to leave the subsurface soil in place and restrict future use to commercial or industrial uses through recorded land use covenants.

RCRA Corrective Action requires clean-up of releases of hazardous chemicals, even if the release was not from an authorized hazardous waste management unit. Based on the site characterization and the HRA, the clean-up has been completed for future industrial and commercial uses. Because a land use covenant is required, DTSC is proposing to make a determination that Corrective Action is Complete with Controls. The Controls are the land use covenant which will restrict the future uses of the Site to industrial and commercial uses. These use restrictions will be recorded on the property deed and will transfer to each successive property owner.

Gibson Environmental, Inc. ceased hazardous waste storage and treatment operations and abandoned the Site in 1995, leaving behind approximately 670,000 gallons of liquid and sludge in tanks and approximately 80,000 cubic yards of soil piles. The liquid and sludge waste was removed from the Site by May 2001. The removal of the soil piles was completed in April 2007. All structures on Site have been demolished and removed and the Site has been backfilled to grade using clean fill.

The 30-day public comment period for the FS-RAP and proposed Corrective Action Complete with Controls determination begins on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, and ends on Friday, May 30, 2008. A Public Hearing has not been scheduled at this time, but one will be considered if one is requested. If you request a Public Hearing, please identify the issues to be addressed at the Public Hearing. Written comments or requests must be postmarked by Friday, May 30, 2008, and sent to:

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Or they can be e-mailed by midnight of May 30, 2008, to pruffin@dtsc.ca.gov. For Public Participation questions, Contact: Jesus Cruz (800) 495-5651, or e mail JCruz@dtsc.ca.gov. For questions from the media, please contact: Ms. Jeanne Garcia at (818) 551-2176 or e-mail jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov

A Fact Sheet and additional project information are available on DTSC's website at <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/Gibson.cfm>